

## NEGROES FORCED TO MAKE CHANGES

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continue its work safely and successfully. At the last unity and harmony reigned, Taylor stepping down without protest.

The parent and leader of all such associations among the colored people of the United States, the United Order of True Reformers, has been generally regarded as a model of what such things should be, and held up as a pattern to be emulated. Its career, however, and more especially its recent management, have resulted in bringing it to the situation in which the Grand Fountain found itself when it assembled here on Tuesday.

The association was organized in 1881 by William Washington Browne, a colored minister of Richmond. A charter was issued on April 4, 1883. It steadily grew in membership and in importance, gathering thousands of people into its lodges scattered throughout most of the Southern and Eastern States, and extending into the Middle West. The membership in Washington, D. C., is large.

**Sold Its Own Property.**  
In the annual report of Browne, the grand worthy master, in 1894, he recommended that the association purchase from him in fee simple the plans of each department of the order. He had prepared himself for this coup by having the ritual and constitution copyrighted in 1887. Obedient to his commands, the Grand Fountain at its session held in September, 1895, agreed to the purchase for the compensation of \$50,000, by a standing vote which was nearly unanimous. Subsequently, under an agreement with Browne's widow, this amount was compromised at \$40,000. All of this was paid with the exception of three or four thousand dollars, which was paid through an emergency fund created in 1906 by individual subscriptions.

Quoting from the report of Examiner T. M. Hobson, to the Commissioner of Insurance, made last February: "The sale of such plans by W. W. Browne to the order was a severe breach of trust for the reason that his service and labors had been bought by the order, and to have sold them the fruits of such services deserved the greatest condemnation. It was only the good will, and this they already enjoyed."

**Grand Master Rules.**  
Under the laws of the order, the president is, or has the opportunity to be, a supreme power. In the Grand Fountain, which meets only once in two years, elects a board of directors composed of the first five officers and nine others. During the absence of this board, however, the administrative duties are delegated to an executive committee, which is composed of the grand master, vice grand master, grand secretary, grand treasurer and three others appointed by the grand master.

Even should he not be able to control the other three officers, he can with his own vote and those of the men he appoints, absolutely control the situation.

As a further mark of financing, it is recorded that the wife of W. W. Browne, the founder, was, in 1883, by a vote of the Grand Fountain, given the sole right to manufacture regalia for the members. Her husband's salary was at that time small, but this privilege increased the revenues of the stockholder to a large extent. At the suggestion of the wife founder, in 1892 the order bought out the rights, paying \$2,000 for them.

**Bank In the Game.**  
The Savings Bank of the Grand United Order of True Reformers, which is operated as a subsidiary of the order, was chartered in 1888. Stock was subscribed to by individual members of the order. The charter of the bank provides that the board of directors shall be the board of directors of the True Reformers. Stock was sold on the condition that the order should have the right to purchase the stock at a price of 50 cents per share, and no provision is made for its resumption.

As to the unpaid claims against the order, which caused the Bureau of Insurance to sharpen its stick and to begin its work of peremptory return of the following order to the order: "The order, report, made to Commissioner of Insurance: 'Within the last eighteen months or two years the association has not paid its claims promptly, not due to the lack of funds, for the bank has a balance to the credit of the Grand Fountain amounting to \$234,738.89, but to the fact that the bank was not in position to meet the checks when presented. The deposits of the bank are in the hands of the order, and the order has no right to draw on the bank when due and turned over to the cashier of the bank. The cashier had in his possession at the time of this examination over \$50,000 time of which were being held up. He received no formal permission from the officers of the Grand Fountain to cash these checks, though it was fully understood by them that they were being held. The officers of the Grand Fountain are also the officers of the bank, and of all the other affiliated institutions.'

**Union Is Hurtful.**  
"Such an affiliation is detrimental to the association. The officers of the Grand Fountain, holding in trust and responsible for the funds of the association, have no right to neglect their duties to the policy holders of the organization and lend their influence towards the protection of an affiliated institution. Not only has the bank been fostered by the order, but the checks of the association, but the Grand Fountain has loaned the bank \$21,000 of its mortgage loans and, in addition, has mortgaged its home office building for \$20,000 and turned this amount over to the bank, making a total of \$41,000."

"Under instructions from the department the officers of the bank, within the last three weeks, made arrangements to meet the outstanding checks of the association. It is clearly seen that the practice of protecting the bank at the sacrifice of the reputation of the association works a most severe hardship and should be discontinued. It is impossible for the officers to occupy the same offices in each affiliated organization and carry out in good faith their full duties and responsibilities."

**Services Discontinued.**  
Washington, D. C., September 14.—The Treasury Department today discontinued without prejudice the services of Acting Assistant Surgeon H. C. Bradford, Norfolk, Va.

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## AROUND THE HOTELS

"While the news from Maine is exceedingly gratifying and encouraging, it is not so surprising to those who have been in position to know, as I have been, the utterly despondent attitude of Republican leaders all through the year." Such was the comment of William Atkinson Jones, of Warsaw, for twenty years Congressman from the First Virginia District, and the oldest Democrat in point of service in the next Congress, at Murphy's yesterday.

"For some time the handwriting on the wall has been so plain that the wayfaring man need make no mistake. The Republican party has been washed on the rocks of disaster, and hardly a Congressman could be found during the last session who had a hope that the next Congress would be Republican."

**No Regret for Cannon.**  
"Further than the fact that ingrates in the Republican ranks have made Speaker Cannon a scapegoat for the sins of the party, I have no sympathy for him in his downfall. He is a stumbling block in the way of the progress of the nation, and is in no way deserving of the high position he has so long held nor of the power he has wielded."

Whatever sympathy Mr. Jones has, he bestows on President Taft. He became much impressed with the honesty and good purpose of the Chief Magistrate through personal contact with him. The President, he believes, is trying to do the best he can for the nation. "His way is not the Democratic way," said the Congressman, "but it is an honest way. But he added, 'He has fallen on troublous times.'"

As to Ex-President Roosevelt, Mr. Jones regards him as the most dangerous man in public life today.

**Virginia at the Hotels.**  
Lexington—A. J. Brady, Danville: R. A. Adams, Virginia; E. K. Mercer, Staunton; S. B. Daggett, Virginia; Pitts, Scottsville; W. S. Weaver, Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Warren, Millboro; Miss Emma Darnell, Millboro; Reginald Bruce, Virginia; J. F. Borden.

Falling upon the cobblestones from Virginia, the car No. 23, of the Hull Street line at Ninth and Hull Streets yesterday morning about 10 o'clock, Mrs. B. Magicians are confident that the editor of the Weekly Bee, was painfully bruised and shocked. Her injuries are not thought to be serious. She has stepped upon the running-board, preparing to get out, when she was thrown violently to the pavement. She was known at first how badly she might have been injured. It is thought that the conductor pulled his cord before she fell.

**Baseball News.**  
A great game of baseball will be played Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at Byrd Park when the Oak Groves will be pitted against the Richmond Wonders. The game will be on the Battle-Axe diamond. On Labor Day the Wonders took the Manchester pets into camp, and although not having any cash, they were confident that they would win. The Wonders say they are the champions of the Southside, and from their many victories they expect to have an undisputed claim to the honor.

The Groves hopes to defeat the Wonders with the following line-up: Hampton, catcher; Clements or Hampton, pitcher; Clay, shortstop; Kirby, first base; Mann, second base; Shellings, third base; Redford, left field; McGehee, center field; McClelland, right field.

A large crowd of rooters and many pretty girls will turn out to root for the Wonders.

The Oak Groves will cross bats with the Weyanokes Saturday, September 24, and the game will probably be played on the Battle-Axe diamond.

**Schools Open To-Day.**  
The following is the list of the teachers of the Washington Ward white schools for the session of 1910-1911: Kramer, J. Hoke, principal; Clara O'Brien, Virginia H. Tatum, Florence M. Brounagh, Exella Fitzgerald, pupil teacher; Ruby L. Farley, pupil teacher; Miss McGeorge, supervisor; teacher; Mrs. Eva M. Gwathmey, Elizabeth P. Bohannon, Virginia Roberts, Bessie Wells, Rachel Lynn, Bessie Sampson, Lella Mayo, Inez Clary, Marie French, Ida A. Brown, Emma J. Lamb, Mamie K. Richardson, Mrs. Ida S. Woodward, Nettie Grallin, Carrie McGee, Ruth Lough, Nellie C. Fisher, board substitute; Eleanor Patterson, board substitute.

**Death of Infant.**  
Beverly S. Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hubbard, died at the home of his parents Tuesday morning at 9:15 o'clock.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the home, 23 West Twelfth Street. The interment was in Maury Cemetery.

Midlothian Lodge of Masons held a great picnic yesterday on the lodge grounds at Midlothian for the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, the community. The regular meeting of the lodge was held in the afternoon.

**Notes About Town.**  
The Ladies Hand Society of Baldrige Street Baptist Church will hold a meeting to-morrow at 4 o'clock in the church. This will be the first meeting since the disbanded for the summer. A full attendance is urgently requested.

Mrs. Walter Watson will entertain the Ladies Hand Society of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The entertainment will be in the form of a variety tea, and is expected to be especially attractive. A musical program has also been arranged.

The resignation of Rev. Benjamin Dennis, of Media Memorial Church, has caused much distress to not only the members of his church, but to the whole community. Mr. Dennis has lived in South Richmond for many years, and is known and esteemed by all. Mrs. Charles T. Jones is in Washington, D. C., on business.

Linnet: Walter Nelabrod, Rock Castle; W. Dillard, Petersburg; John P. Pettyjohn, Lynchburg; E. E. Lacy, Lynchburg; Joseph Wolf, Elkton; John D. Quinn, Emporia.

Davis, M. and Mrs. F. H. Atkinson, Miss Rosa Atkinson, Clifton Forge; Alice McPherson, Mrs. J. A. Reynolds, Sinking Creek; Jack Thomas, Newport News; Bunnie Verlander, Cothran; R. Pabb, Christiansburg; J. Champion, Newport News.

Gibbs, R. Tibbs, Lynchburg; B. F. Hill, Madison; R. M. Webb, Norfolk; C. C. Wilbeck, Ashland; C. H. Garrod, West View; George S. Dickey, Cartersville; Joseph Ewing, Petersburg.

Richmond—Count L. V. Ferri, Norfolk; F. M. Crawford, Williamsburg; P. Barringer, Blackburg; F. E. Horton, Abingdon; W. E. Edgerton, Victoria; F. Crews, Norfolk; E. C. Wilton, Harrisonburg; B. F. Gravelly, Martinsville; Fred Bonney, Norfolk; R. F. Dickson, Newport News; J. W. Hamilton, University of Virginia.

Murphy—Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Cole, Miss Alice Cole, Fredericksburg; J. W. Sproul, Staunton; S. P. Fletcher, Harrisonburg; S. W. Fletcher, Blacksburg; W. E. Leonard, Chillum; Mrs. J. M. Minish, Norfolk; Bessie Ashlie, Danville; M. L. Cleaton, Portsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. George Mahone, Pulaski; W. E. Bray, University of Virginia; L. M. Preston, Salem; W. P. Oberdorfer, Norfolk; Newton McAlpine, Portsmouth; B. R. Penn, Danville; R. R. Stuart, Tazewell; J. W. Holladay, J. W. Holladay, Smithfield; J. Hobb, Norfolk; N. G. Norfield, Suffolk; W. H. Venable, Norfolk; Mrs. S. Sheltman, Ellen Sheltman, Christiansburg; J. Bremer, Singer, Glens; W. L. Bragg, Lawrenceville; B. West Tabb, Newport News; Dr. B. L. Brooks, Houston.

Park—J. P. Muncy, Pembroke; H. L. Echols, J. P. Muncy, Pembroke; J. James Seymour, Virginia; G. T. Elliott, Hampton.

Jefferson—S. B. Daggett, Virginia; Miss R. A. Penney, Virginia; H. B. Ferguson, Lexington; Harry L. Lowenborg, Norfolk; G. M. Dillard, Norfolk; A. M. Fry, Virginia.

ington visiting friends. She will be there for some time.

**Personal Mention.**  
Miss Annie Vaden left yesterday for Lynchburg, where she will enter Randolph-Macon College. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Mary Vaden, who will attend the opening exercises.

Miss Mamie Utz left yesterday morning for Danville, where she will attend school during the coming term.

Miss Sue Daffron, of Philadelphia, is visiting her brother, A. J. Daffron, on Porter Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lella Friend are back from Baltimore. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Phillips and family moved Tuesday from the country into their new home, 1410 Porter Street.

Miss Lucy Nelson, of Philadelphia, returned home Tuesday from Dry Bridge, where she was visiting her aunt, Mrs. Martin. Miss Mary Gail, of Henderson, will leave today for Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg. Miss Gary has been the guest of her uncle, George E. Gary.

Miss Esther Strader has left for Winston-Salem, where she will pursue her musical course.

Lucille Nichols left yesterday morning to attend the opening exercises at Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg. Mrs. Walter H. Boothe and daughter, Willie, are visiting Mrs. J. T. Bethel at 1025 Decatur Street.

Miss Mary Ann, of West Appomattox, is also the guest of Mrs. J. T. Bethel.

Mrs. E. C. Williamson, of 1003 Porter Street, is very ill.

**SHOT FIRED WITH SUICIDAL INTENT**  
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marked, "We are caught." She looked for the fire escape, and then got behind the door. He also added that when they left Chester she suggested that she would place her coat and hat beside the first river they came to, in order to make the authorities believe that she had committed suicide, and this would give them a good start. The girl also remarked that it was singular that Dr. Crippen's girl was named Ethel and she also bore the same given name.

None of the girl's people appeared at the inquest this morning. There was not, however, any occasion for their presence. Firth will probably be given a preliminary hearing in Chester to-morrow morning before a magistrate in that city. Firth is said to be well known in that city, having for the past three years been employed as night ticket agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at that place.

**Spent Evening at Home.**  
Chester, Pa., September 14.—News of the suicide of pretty fifteen-year-old Ethel May Pierce, who eloped from this city early yesterday morning with William Firth, a Pennsylvania Railroad Company clerk, created great excitement here.

It was his intention to desert her. He killed her when he left her.

**Took Wages From Till.**  
The railroad officials do not know at just what hour Firth closed up the station and left, but early railroad men found the place locked.

Chester police have learned that Firth and Miss Pierce left over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at 4:30 o'clock.

Firth left a note in the station saying that he had taken something over \$40, the amount of his salary. Further than this his accounts are straight as far as the railroad officials can ascertain.

Firth had in his possession a ticket as far South as Jacksonville, Fla., and it is presumed that he intended to go that far had he not been taken in custody. The railroad officials ordered him arrested.

The parents of Miss Pierce are prostrated over her death.

After a conference with Chief McCarey last night, and before word of the girl's death had been received, the father of the young woman swore out a warrant and started South for his daughter and to have Firth brought back to this city.

In speaking of her husband's disappearance, Mrs. Firth said: "My husband went on duty at the depot about 7 o'clock in the evening and was supposed to work until 7 the following morning, but often he would not get home here until quite late. Yesterday morning it was 11 or 11:30 before he returned."

The police say they have learned that Firth was a frequent visitor to the Pierce home. On many occasions his little daughter accompanied him.

Firth had been employed with the railroad for several years, and always proved satisfactory to the company, so far as can be learned.

In appearance he was short of stature, light complexioned and sharp featured. He was apt to learn, quick to obey and always courteous.

**Had Been Friends Long.**  
Friends of both Firth and Miss Pierce say that they had been on intimate terms for some time, but there was no suspicion that Firth intended to desert his wife and child and run away with Miss Pierce. Miss Pierce was attractive, and was very popular among the younger set.

The girl's mother is prostrated, and no word can be gained from her as to whether Firth had been a caller at the house. Friends of the girl say she had been receiving attentions from Firth for some time.

Miss Pierce was a girl of quite attractive personality. Among the girls of her age she was a great favorite. It is said that some of her young friends had warned her that attentions from a married man were wrong for her to countenance. She never made reply or comment to these statements, they say.

Firth announced last night that he would return to Chester without awaiting requisition papers. He claimed he had known Miss Pierce since last June and that his family had learned that he already had a wife and child in Chester.

**VIOLATED LABOR LAW.**  
Manager of Danville Knitting Mill Fined \$20 and Costs.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Danville, Va., September 14.—In the Corporation Court here to-day, L. B. Conway, manager of the Danville Knitting Mills, was fined \$20 and costs for violation of the ten-hour labor law. The charge against the two parties for falsely stating the ages of their children, in order that they might be employed in factories contrary to law, were dismissed.

Mr. Conway submitted to the charge of violating the law, and the maximum fine was imposed in one case. The violation of the law came about through Conway allowing employees in the knitting mills, working on piece work, to work part of their time, or as much as they desired, during the hour between 12 and 1 o'clock, which was the dining hour. The working of the employees during the dinner hour was purely voluntary on their part, and not the result of an agreement with the mills.

No witnesses were examined in the knitting mill case, though Mr. Conway, manager of the mills, and J. B. Cline, chief special agent of the Bureau of Labor and Industrial Statistics of Virginia, made brief statements.

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## DEATH KNELL RINGS FOR REFEREE PLAN

Taft's Attempt to Put Southern Republicanism on Higher Plan Likely to Bring Howl From Colored Element.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, D. C., September 14.—The following story from Beverly was printed in an afternoon paper to-day, and, if true, may cause a howl from the colored element of the Republican party in the South:

President Taft has taken his first important step towards cutting loose from the old Republican custom of dispensing patronage in the Southern States according to the recommendation of referees who, being given control of the patronage, generally delivered delegates of their States to the administration at national conventions for the nomination of a President.

This move is taken to mean the ultimate disappearance of the negro as a strong factor in Southern Republicanism. The new regime has been started with North Carolina, according to information received here to-day.

Mr. Taft and his advisers believe they have a chance to carry North Carolina in the coming election, and they are busy building up a business men's party. They desire to make Republicanism respectable in North Carolina and other Southern States. By the innovation just determined on, National Committeemen Duncan loses his old position as the handler of the patronage. At a recent conference in the State, with and under the approval of the President, Representatives Morehead and a large committee of prominent Republicans throughout the State took upon themselves the task of making recommendations to Washington in the future regarding the men who should be put on the Federal payroll. Henceforward, Duncan, who had all power as referee, will have but little if anything to say in the matter.

Ever since his inauguration the President has said that his Southern policy was to change the old referee system into a more lively organization, an organization which would put the best men into Federal positions and do away with the old habit of using the patronage of a small group, which did little work at the polls and got busy only when there came up the question of delivering the delegates at the national convention. To this the President has replied that he was not worrying about the next convention, but what he wanted was to give his party strength and influence in the Southern States. In a speech in Tennessee during the campaign for the presidency, Mr. Taft warned the Republicans that they must do all in their power to improve their standing in the community.

It cannot be denied that the blow at the referee system is also the death blow of any great influence on the part of the negroes in the make-up of delegations to national conventions in the future. The whole movement for a business men's party for improving Republicanism in the South tends to the election of white delegates rather than negroes.

North Carolina's committee on patronage will control the Federal jobs absolutely. It is made up of the best men in the State. If the committee cannot find good Republicans it will pick out good Democrats. There is to be an end of the old dry in the South.

## RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

Negro Pays Penalty for Murder of Captain Terry.

Birmingham, Ala., September 14.—Isaac Glover, a negro, wanted for murder, was shot to death by a posse of

citizens four miles south of Springville, Ala., at 6 o'clock this evening. The negro shot two members of the posse before he was killed.

Glover killed Captain Terry, one of the most popular citizens of St. Clair, last Sunday afternoon without provocation. Captain Terry met him in the road and the negro evidently thought he wanted to arrest him and fired point blank, killing Captain Terry instantly. Poses were immediately organized and had been searching for the negro ever since.

About fifty armed men with dogs came upon the negro's trail this afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock. Soon afterward the dogs came upon the negro in a clump of bushes and attacked him. The negro kicked the dogs away, armed with a pistol and shotgun, began to fire on the posse. Practically fifty guns returned the fire, and the negro's body was riddled with bullets.

**Indictments Not Made Public.**  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lynchburg, Va., September 14.—The Federal grand jury reported two batches of indictments to-day, but none was made public.

During the morning session a number of white men from Wise and Lee counties pleaded guilty to retailing without licenses.

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